

DESCENDANTS OF JOHANN HEINRICH CLAUSER
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1. JOHANN HEINRICH CLAUSER

Johann Heinrich Clauser (Henry Clowser), a son of Hans Jakob and Anna Barbara Clauser, was born Dec 12, 1721 in Ottersheim, Germany and died in an Indian attack June 1, 1764 in Clowser Gap, Frederick County VA.

Alison D. Martin's "Ancestors of Andrew Jackson Clowser" describes circumstances of the Indian Attack as follows:

"The Major White Fort was on the West Side of Hogue Creek about Seven miles from Winchester. This place was known for more than a century to be the White Homestead. Dr. White, son in law of William Hogue, had settled there as one of the first settlers. In 1763 Major Robert White son of the doctor, lived there and for the safety of the many families who had settled along the big North mountain, he had erected a small fort and stockade around his residence. At the July term of that year, the Major appeared in person before the Justices. He was then a justice himself and startled his brethren by announcing that Indians had appeared in his neighborhood the day previous but disappeared without molesting anyone, and that he had also been informed that a large band was marauding the settlements on Great Ca-Capon. The court was moved to convene and take steps to protect the settlements. No action was taken and the Major returned to take charge of the situation himself. He warned families and went along the mountain for fully six miles as far as Owen Thomas' home and advised all to come to his fort as this raid involved families so near to Winchester, it is well to give the narrative as related by Maj. John White, a son of the owner of the Fort property. Some little confusion as to the date appears. One statement gives July 1763 and another gives June 1764. This may have occurred by two raids having been made, for we have evidence that Indians raided the settlement twice. Some of the families took no heed to the warning. Owen Thomas being one saying he could not leave his harvest and then rode to his neighbor Jacob Keddey, who had several sons, to propose that they arm themselves and work together at their harvest. He was shot dead on this trip. This was certainly the next day after Major White had visited the Justices. In June 1764, Major White went again to warn the people that they had better come to the fort, that he was reliably informed that a large band was on the warpath. Now the narrative becomes intensely interesting to many people who live in Frederick County today, and especially in that section. 'Ibis warning was heeded but the families moved slowly. Mrs. Thomas, the widow, Mrs Jones and a man named Clowser started with their families but stopped at the house of a man named Lloyd, two miles from the Fort and spent the night. The next morning at an early hour they resumed their journey and before they were out of the sight of the house, the Indians attacked them and killed, wounded or took away as prisoners, twenty three persons. A young son of Owen Thomas who had been killed in the previous raid ran back into the house and hid, escaping detection, although the Indians brought his mother and sister back into the house and bound and kept them their while they fried bacon and ate breakfast. They then set fire to the house and moved off. The boy managed to escape from the fire and rambled about for two days before he found someone to tell his direful story. The families had fled to the fort, Lloyd and several of

his children, David Jones and his wife, two old people, some of the Thomas family, Henry Clowser and two of his sons were killed. Mrs Clowser and four of her daughters were taken off as captives. The youngest child, about two years old, was horribly butchered while crossing the North Mountain, the band heading for the south branch. They halted one night by Furmans Fort, the men of the fort fired upon them. The next morning they moved away and Mrs. Thomas escaped and lived for many years to tell thrilling stories. The wounded who were left near Major Whites were gathered up after the departure of the Indians and were carried to the Fort where they were cared for. Out of the seven found, only one survived and that was Hester Lloyd who had two scalps taken from her. A Dr. McDonald attended her, trepanned her head and she recovered living, many years. Mrs. Thomas' daughter and Mrs Clowser and her three daughters were taken to the Indian town and after an absence of about six months, were released from captivity and all returned home safely. There is something in Kercheval's narrative about the three Miss Clowsers, who were prisoners at the same time. They were aged respectively at ages 10, 7 and 5 years. After their return, they grew up in their old neighborhood, and were married and raised families of children. They were all three widows when Kercheval knew them and lived not more than five or six miles apart. Two of them were Mrs. Shutlz and Mrs. Snapp who lived one and a half miles from his residence and a third, Mrs. Frye lived no more than six miles. Such history must be accepted as totally reliable. Descendants of all these families live in Frederick County at the time of this writing."

Johann Heinrich (Henry) appears on the passenger list of the Ship "Osgood" that landed in Philadelphia on September 29 1750. William Wilkie was captain and the ship sailed from Rotterdam, Holland to Cowes, England and then to Philadelphia with 480 passengers total.

Johann married Anna Maria March 20, 1753 in PA. Anna Maria died in May 1772 in Frederick County VA.

Johann Heinrich Clauser and his wife are buried underneath what is now a golf course that is managed by Shawnee Land. The headstones once stood there however they were destroyed and removed by the Developers. Merle Moore, a researcher of the Clowser line states that from his personal knowledge, the graves are located under what is now the Clubhouse at this golf course.

Children of Johann Heinrich and Anna Maria Clowser.

2.	(1). Jacob	b.	d.	1764
3.	(2). John	b.c.	d.	1764
4.	(3). Elizabeth		d.	After 1810)
5.	(4). Sarah Ann	b.c.	1754	d.After 1810)
6.	(5). Mary Magdalene	b.c.	1756	d. 1832
7.	(6). Henry m.Sarah Frye Jan 12 1790	b.c.	1760	d. 1835
8.	(7). Infant	b.c.	1761	d. 1764

7.HENRY CLOWSER 1.JOHANN HEINRICH CLAUSER

Henry Clowser, a son of Johann Heinrich and Anna Maria Clowser, was born about 1760 in Clowser Gap, Frederick County VA and died there in 1835.

Henry was the lone male survivor of the Indian Massacre of his father Henry Clowser and two older brothers among others as they were leaving a neighbors home after an overnight stay enroute to Whites Fort, about two miles to the north east, which was one mile west of the present Hayfield, VA.

Henry kept himself hid as best as a four year old could while the Indians departed with his mother and four sisters and brothers and the others. He was an orphan but later inherited his fathers lands and properties according to available records.

Henry married Sarah Frye January 12, 1790 in Frederick County VA District 16. Sarah, a daughter of Sgt. Benjamin and Catherine (Speers) Frye, was born about 1763 in VA or KY and died about 1860 in Clowser Gap, Frederick County. Marriage of Henry Clowser to Sarah Frye was performed by Christian Streit.

Proof of Sarah Fries parentage comes in the form of a will written by her father and dated January 1813. This will is located in Shelby County Kentucky Will Book 3 page 46. The part of the will that pertains to Sarah Frye Clowser reads as follows. "I also bequeath to my daughter Sarah Clousure (note misspelling) one hundred and forty eight and a half acres of land already laid off, adjoining Isaac Fry and Priestly Dogseth, land upon the north side of Japath Creek"

Children of Henry and Sarah (Frye) Clowser.

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| 9. | (1). | John | | | |
| 10. | (2). | Sarah | | | |
| 11. | (3). | Benjamin | | | |
| 12. | (4). | Leah | b. | 1795 | d 1882 |
| 13. | (5). | Catherine | b. | 1796 | d. 1882 |
| 14. | (6). | Henry | b.c. | 1800 | d. 1870 |
| | | m.Regina Rosenberger | | Jan 15 1820 | |
| 15. | (7). | Joseph | b. | 1804 | d. 1881 |
| 16. | (8). | Mary Ann | b. | 1812 | d 1896 |

14.HENRY CLOWSER 7.HENRY CLOWSER 1.JOHANN HEINRICH CLAUSER

Henry Clowser, a son of Henry and Sarah (Frye) Clowser, was born about 1800 in Clowser Gap, Frederick County VA and died there October 10. 1870. Henry married Regina Rosenberger January 15, 1820. Regina, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Brodbeck) Rosenberger, was born about 1801 and died August 22, 1878 in Clowser Gap, Frederick County VA.

Children of Henry and Regina (Rosenberger) Clowser.

17.	(1).	Jacob	b.	1822	d.	1887
18.	(2).	Henry	b.	1825		
19.	(3).	Mary	b.	1827	d.	1911
20.	(4).	Rebecca Jane	b.	1829	d.	1920
21.	(5).	Louisa Catherine	b.	1833	d.	1908
22.	(6).	Andrew Jackson	b.	1836	d.	Dec 31 1903
		m.Sarah Moss				
		m.Sarah Elizabeth Dennison				Nov 25 1879
23.	(7).	Martha Ann	b.	1837	d.	1904
24.	(8).	Margaret Virginia	b.	1841		
25.	(9).	George Washington	b.	1842	d.	1901
26.	(10).	Sidney Frances	b.	1845	d.	1918
27.	(11).	Amanda Regina	b.	1848	d.	1911
28.	(12).	Harriet Ann	b.c,	1843	d.	1915

22.ANDREW JACKSON CLOWSER 14.HENRY CLOWSER 7.HENRY CLOWSER
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Andrew Jackson Clowser, a son of Henry and Regina (Rosenberger) Clowser, was born in Clowser's Gap, Frederick County VA in 1836 and died in Gilmer County WV December 31, 1903. He married Sarah "Sallie" Moss. Sallie, a daughter of David and Mary Moss, was born in Va in 1833 and died in Gilmer County WV between 1874 and 1879. She is buried in Karickhoff Cemetery in Braxton County WV and her grave marker gives a death date of 1871, but her daughter Regina was born in 1874.

Andrew is listed in the 1900 Gilmer County WV census with wife Sarah E., born in VA in October 1858. They had been married 20 years and had 4 children living and 2 dead. This was Sarah Elizabeth Dennison. Sarah was a daughter of John and Martha Dennison. She married Andrew in Gilmer County November 25, 1879.

Andrew served the Confederacy in the Civil War in the 51st VA Militia with his brothers Henry, George and Jacob.

Children of Andrew Jackson and Sarah "Sallie" (Moss) Clowser.

29.	(1).	David A.	b.	Jun	1861	
		m.Cora B. Stout				Jan 17 1889
30.	(2).	Henry Godfrey	b.	May 10 1865	d.	Sep 5 1938
		m.Laura Lee Moss				Jun 14 1889
		m.Martha Evergreen Marks				Mar 27 1892
31.	(3).	John Louellen	b.	Mar 14 1867	d.	Sep 1 1957
		m.Sarah Virginia McCoy				1886
32.	(4).	Andrew J.	b.	Jul 28 1869	d.	Feb 20 1934

m. Mary E. -----

33. (5). Clara Regina b. Jan 17 1874d. Feb 27 1945
 m. Walter F. Moore

Children of Andrew Jackson and Sarah Elizabeth (Dennison) Clowser.

34. (1). Blanche b.Oct 1883
 m. Minor C. Carr May 7 1911

35. (2). Fanny B. b.Mar 1889

36. (3). Anna G. b.Jul 1892
 m. Clyde E. Bennett Apr 28 1909

37. (4). Walter Scott b.Jan 1896

29.DAVID A. CLOWSER 22.ANDREW JACKSON CLOWSER 14.HENRY CLOWSER
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David A. Clowser, a son of Andrew Jackson and Sarah "Sallie" (Moss) Clowser, was born in Frederick County Va in June 1861. He married Cora Belle Stout in Gilmer County WV Janaury 17, 1889. Cora, daughter of Francis Marion and Louisa (Townsend) Stout, was born in Gilmer County in April 1872.

Children of David A. and Cora Belle (Stout) Clowser.

38. (1). David Lee

39. (2). Jessie Lenora
 m.Charles Rumbaugh

40. (3). Edwin b. 1914
 m.Erma Griffith

41. (4). Jack

42. (5). Robert

43. (6). Marie

44. (7). Ray

45. (8). Alice

46. (9). Eugene

47. (10). Paul

48. (11). Gwendoline b. 1924
 m.Clayton Toothman

30.HENRY GODFREY CLOWSER 22.ANDREW JACKSON CLOWSER 14.HENRY
CLOWSER 7.HENRY CLOWSER 1.JOHANN HEINRICH CLAUSER

Children of Henry Godfrey and Martha Evergreen (Marks) Clowser.

31. JOHN LOUELLEN CLOWSER 22. ANDREW JACKSON CLOWSER 14. HENRY
CLOWSER 7. HENRY CLOWSER 1. JOHANN HEINRICH CLAUSER

John Louellen Clowser, a son of Andrew Jackson and Sarah "Sallie"

(Moss) Clowser, was born in Fredrick County VA March 14, 1867 and died in Wood County WV September 1, 1957. He married Sarah Virginia McCoy in Gilmer County WV in 1886. Sarah was born in Pocahontas County WV April 1, 1865 and died July 15, 1941.

Children of John Louellen and Sarah Virginia (McCoy) Clowser.

- 64. (1). Gilbert
m.Bessie Floyd
- 65. (2). Roy T. b. May 14 1889 d. Oct 24 1974
m.Ada May Carr Aug 18 1910
- 66. (3). Grace May b. Nov 1900 d. Aug 1978
m.Floyd Gumm
- 67. (4). Ora
m.Albert McCoy
- 68. (5). William Jackson b.Aug 27 1891 d.Dec 19 1969
m.Lana Mowery
- 69. (6). Flodie Madge b.Dec 25 1895 d.Sep 1979
m.Ezra Sheridan Spinks

32.ANDREW JACKSON CLOWSER 22.ANDREW JACKSON CLOWSER 14.HENRY CLOWSER
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Andrew J. Clowser, a son of Andrew Jackson and Sarah "Sallie" (Moss) Clowser, was born in August 1870. He married Mary E. -----. Mary was born in September 1877 and died in Gilmer County WV between 1910 and 1920.

Children of Andrew J. and Mary E. Clowser.

- 70. (1). Manilla b.c. 1904
m. Lonnie P. Bailey
- 71. (2). Okey b.c. 1906
- 72. (3). Opal b.c. 1908
m. ----- Stonehouse

50.DEWEY CLOWSER 30.HENRY GODFREY CLOWSER 22.ANDREW JACKSON CLOWSER
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Dewey Clowser, a son of Henry Godfrey and Martha Evergreen (Marks) Clowser, was born in WV December 15, 1898 and died November 12, 1986. He married Flossie Whisman in Gilmer county WV October 29, 1919. Flossie, a daughter of Doctor Dailey "Doc" and Lilly (Bean) Whisman, was born September 2, 1902 and died August 31, 1996.

Children of Dewey and Flossie (Whisman) Clowser.

- 73. (1). Wallace b.May 11 1920 d. 1973
m. Reva "Teb" Brown (May 29 1920-Apr 12 2004)
- 74. (2). Eunice b. 1922 d.Sep 14 1996

76. (4). Kenneth Brian "Kahe" b. 1928 d. 1978

Frena Audra Clowser, a daughter of Henry Godfrey and Martha Evergreen (Marks) Clowser, was born in Gilmer county January 26, 1918 and died in Kabool, MO May 3, 2001. She married Charles Herbert Jenkins. Charles, a son of Warner and Mollie (Stump) Jenkins, was born in Gilmer county WV in 1914.

Children of Charles Herbert and Frena Audra (Clowser) Jenkins.

79. (3). Charles Frederick

80. (1). Karen

Harley William Clowser, a son of Henry Godfrey and Martha Evergreen (Marks) Clowser, was born Febraury 2, 1920 and died in 1977. He married Arkie Bell McElwee in Gilmer County WV November 21, 1926. Arkie, a daughter of Floyd D. and Ida May (Fitzpatrick) McElwee, was born November 16, 1905 and died April 22, 1977.

Gilbert Clowser, a son of John Louellen and Sarah Virginia (McCoy) Clowser, married Bessie Floyd. Bessie was born in Gilmer County WV in December 1899.

82. (1). Keith

83. (2). Colleen

68.WILLIAM JACKSON CLOWSER 31.JOHN LOUELLEN CLOWSER 22.ANDREW
JACKSON CLOWSER 14.HENRY CLOWSER 7.HENRY CLOWSER 1.JOHANN
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William Jackson Clowser, a son of John Louellen and Sarah Virginia (McCoy) Clowser, was born August 27, 1891 and died December 19, 1969. He married Lana Mowery. Lana, a daughter of John C. and Mary M. Mowery, was born in Gilmer County in May 1896.

Children of William Jackson and Lana (Mowery) Clowser.

84. (1). Nellie Virginia

85. (2). Willard Edwin

86. (3). Mary Ellen

87. (4). Freda Mae

88. (5). William Alford b.Jul 19 1930
 m.Audrey Mae Johnson Aug 2 1952

89. (6). Charlotte Ann b. 1936

69.FLODIE MADGE CLOWSER 31.JOHN LOUELLEN CLOWSER 22.ANDREW JACKSON
CLOWSER 14.HENRY CLOWSER 7.HENRY CLOWSER 1.JOHANN HEINRICH
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Flodie Madge Clowser, a daughter of John Louellen and Sarah Virginia (McCoy) Clowser, was born December 25, 1895 and died December 19, 1969. She married Ezra Sheridan Spinks.

Children of Ezra Sheridan and Flodie Madge (Clowser) Spinks.

90. (1). Virginia
 m.Tom Overbee

91. (2). Carl Brinton

92. (3). Jesse
 m.Dorothy ----

93. (4). Kenneth
 m.Gladys -----

94. (5). Wilford
 m.Anna Laura Flint

95. (6). Lucille b.Mar 21 1918
 m.John Benjamin King May 28 1938

96. (7). Leora Belle b.May 30 1920

m. William Wilson McClung Jun 19 1942

97. (8). James Mack b. Jun 8 1926 d. Feb 27 1977
m. Lena Jewel Wright

75. JOHN BOYD CLOWSER 50. DEWEY CLOWSER 30. HENRY GODFREY CLOWSER 22. ANDREW
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John Boyd Clowser, a son of Dewey and Flossie (Whisman) Clowser, was born
May 9, 1925 and died before 2012. He married Nell ----.

Children of John Boyd and Nell Clowser.

98. (1). Bobby D. b. Jul 6 1943 d. Nov 9 2012
m. Dolores -----

99. (2). Judy

100. (3). Johnny

101. (4). Jimmy

81. FRANK TEDDY CLOWSER 54. HARLEY WILLIAM CLOWSER 30. HENRY GODFREY
CLOWSER 22. ANDREW JACKSON CLOWSER 14. HENRY CLOWSER 7. HENRY
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Frank Tedddy Clowser, a son of Harley William and Arkie Bell
(McElwee) Clowser, was born in Braxton County WV August 8, 1931 and died there
July 16, 2013. He married Betty Jean Nicholas. Betty, a daughter of David and
Sarah Nicholas, was born July 12, 1942 and died in Braxton County WV September
24, 2001.

Frank was a veteran of the Korean War.

Children of Frank Teddy and Betty Jean (Nicholas) Clowser.

102. (1). Steven

103. (2). Frank

104. (3). Mark

105. (4). Cindy
m. ---- Morgan

106. (5). Janet
m. ---- Butler

88. WILLIAM ALFORD CLOWSER 59. WILLIAM JACKSON CLOWSER 31. JOHN
LOUELLEN CLOWSER 22. ANDREW JACKSON CLOWSER 14. HENRY CLOWSER
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William Alford Clowser, a son of William Jackson and Lana (Mowery)
Clowser, was born July 19, 1930. He married Audrey Mae Johnson in Las
Vegas, NV August 2, 1952.

Children of William Alford and Audrey Mae (Johnson) Clowser.

107. (1). Linda Sue

108. (2). Patricia Ann

98.BOBBY D. CLOWSER 75.JOHN BOYD CLOWSER 50.DEWEY CLOWSER 30.HENRY GODFREY
CLOWSER 22.ANDREW JACKSON CLOWSER 14.HENRY CLOWSER 7.HENRY CLOWSER
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Bobby D. Clowser, a son of John Boyd and Nell Clowser, was born in Gilmer County WV July 6 1943 and died in Elyria, Ohio November 9, 2012. He married Dolores -----, who survives.

Childrenh of Bobby D. and Dolores Clowser.

109. (1). Robert

110. (2). David

111. (3). Randy

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